

## THE PEOPLE'S FORUM

## Letters to the Editor

## For and Against Bonus

## American and Foreign Bonuses

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Considering how proposed plans for developing the Port of New York will affect the health of the surrounding communities, the New York Academy of Medicine has raised the following questions:

"Will all the new wharves congestion by meterial industrial development in the existing sections of the city?

"Will the surrounding communities take advantage of the increase in real estate values, or will it be left to speculators?

"To what extent is the problem of passenger traffic bound up with port development?

"Has it been considered that with the contemplated growth of the city's population and of industry the present water supply will be insufficient within a decade, and that the already heavy population of the harbor will be increased?

C. S. Stein, of the American Institute of Architects, characterizes the New York situation as one of concentration which can be remedied only by creating communities in which people can work and live in a measure independently.

These points all have bearing on the Philadelphia situation. Philadelphians should agree as to the relationship between the present situation, with its constantly increasing number of inhabitants to sixteen story apartment buildings, the new Delaware Bridge, its narrow streets, and its present equipment for the removal of water supply and waste disposal, and for education and for play and recreation for the people.

On the side of transportation, which is related to the street widths, everyone knows that as vertical transportation is increased by the erection of buildings, horizontal transportation must be increased. How is it going to be done? How in addition to the very basic care to the service men who were wounded or incapacitated in other ways, can we take care of the men who are disabled, or injured, or disabled by everything, but don't give the bunglers in camp any bonus, for they had the time of their lives while they were in the service?

There is much to be said on these questions, but if one will give them thought, all the relationships can be easily seen and the best solution found.

Sir—We have tried to solve these relationships, and I will readily dis-

cuss, if you like, interests and politics, in attempting to solve a problem involving the welfare of the city's entire future and in which every citizen is concerned, whether he knows it or not.

EDWARD T. HARTMAN,  
Philadelphia, March 8, 1922.

## Developing Our City

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—One of the chief reasons given by the ex-soldiers and their friends for the granting of deferred compensation to the veterans and their dependents in the recent World War is that a number of the other countries did it. This is a very poor excuse, and expressly comes from Americans who are always deriding our country for leaving the lead of foreign countries.

Probably the best answer to this argument may prove to be that the European and Italian Governments gave their men a bonus because they paid them a very small amount as fighters, and when the soldiers returned home they found their countries at a standstill far as securing employment was concerned, and they paid them this sum to keep them from starving.

In America it is different. The American soldiers, it is true, were only paid \$30 a month, but our Government looked after their families while they were fighting; protected their families with insurance in case they did not return; fed them with the very best; and the government took care of the wives, mothers and fathers of the soldiers who had shed their blood, their sweat, and their tears.

EDWARD T. MORGAN,  
Camden, N. J., March 10, 1922.

get their bonus in spite of John T. Hayes and the Benjamin Franklin Post, No. 405. As Goldberg says: "They have a lot to say, but it doesn't mean anything."

Philadelphia, March 11, 1922.

## Those Who Really Need Bonus

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—We often hear the statement that the average soldier does not want the bonus. Possibly there are a few who don't need it, but how about the multitudes who have no jobs? Who cannot find work and have nothing to live on? How about the mothers and fathers who could be reasonably comfortable? How about the service man who had to borrow money to pay the burial expenses of his only child? How about the disabled in the hospitals throughout the country? If this is America and her people, for which we fought and for which our comrades shed their blood, then get it up.

P. B. DUNLEAVY,  
Lancaster, Pa., March 7, 1922.

## Bim Gump's Engagement

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—In spite of all our protests Sidney Smith, your cartoonist, has brought about what we honest men would not be the inevitable. Uncle Ben on a fair way to marry the widow—at least they are engaged. Sir, Smith and Andy and Min. would have had them trot out some other relative rather than their outrageous-looking aunt from Heckerville, well knowing that a man of Bim's caliber always falls for fresh paint and tinsel.

G. W. L.  
Philadelphia, March 13, 1922.

## Smith Has Gone the Limit

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Your cartoonist, Sidney Smith, has gone the limit. Oh, how I hate him! Andy and Min have come to be my bosom friends, and I'll never stand for their being compelled to accept that Zander she-witch into their exclusive Gump circle. Smith needs only the long cars to hold him in spite of all our wishes. UH protest at the altar if he insists on being a wedding about.

JOHN T. HENRY,  
Philadelphia, March 14, 1922.

## Deceive the Widow

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—I have in mind the liberty of giving my opinion on the bonus question. I am at most times out of the city, being a traveling salesman. But it does seem very disgusting to pick up the paper on an evening at home and read so many letters of people who are opposed to the soldiers' bonus. For instance, T. H. Hartman, a member of the Grand Jury, they found a true bill there. Seven months later the case was called in the Municipal Court, but was not heard that day, but was dismissed for three weeks, when I was called to the same Court. Judge Crane was presiding and again the case was not heard. I then called the Assistant District Attorney, who signed it until the following morning on account of the plaintiff not appearing. When the next morning came the case was called about 11:30 and the plaintiff was not there. Then the Assistant District Attorney asked for a nolle pross.

Judge Crane was willing and the case was discharged. After this I applied for a writ of habeas corpus to the Assistant District Attorney, but failed to secure it, and went about inquiring for some one else, but without results. Then I was informed that the Assistant District Attorney's office could not sign pay slips for subpoenas as the case was not heard in Court, but he agreed to it with the plaintiff and settle with him. So here goes to Atlantic City or Palm Beach.

So here's hoping that the boys will

be too narrow-minded to consider the other "buddy" who came in from the Government, the richest country in the world. Then "buddy" had to look for a job, but, sorry to say, some "buddy" goes out to Fairmount Park, doubles his coat up on a bench, and falls into a powerful scuffle with the German, an express rule of the House and the rules of both parties. The resolution was never voted upon and the practice became common.

## Original "Sherlock Holmes"

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Sir—Please tell me who was the original Sherlock Holmes. S. R. K.  
Philadelphia, March 11, 1922.

The original Sherlock Holmes was Dr. Joseph Bell, author of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of the stories. Dr. Bell died in Edinburgh.

GEORGE T. FACENDA,  
Philadelphia, February 27, 1922.

## Can't Collect Witness Fee

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Some time ago an auto accident occurred in my neighborhood. When I was called as a witness the case was up before a magistrate, and I was told to see the Assistant District Attorney, who signed it until the following morning on account of the plaintiff not appearing.

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Pairing in Congress

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—When was a pairing first reported in Congress?

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## Questions Answered

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Sir—What is the name of the man

who is reported to be the author of

the book "The People's Forum"?

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